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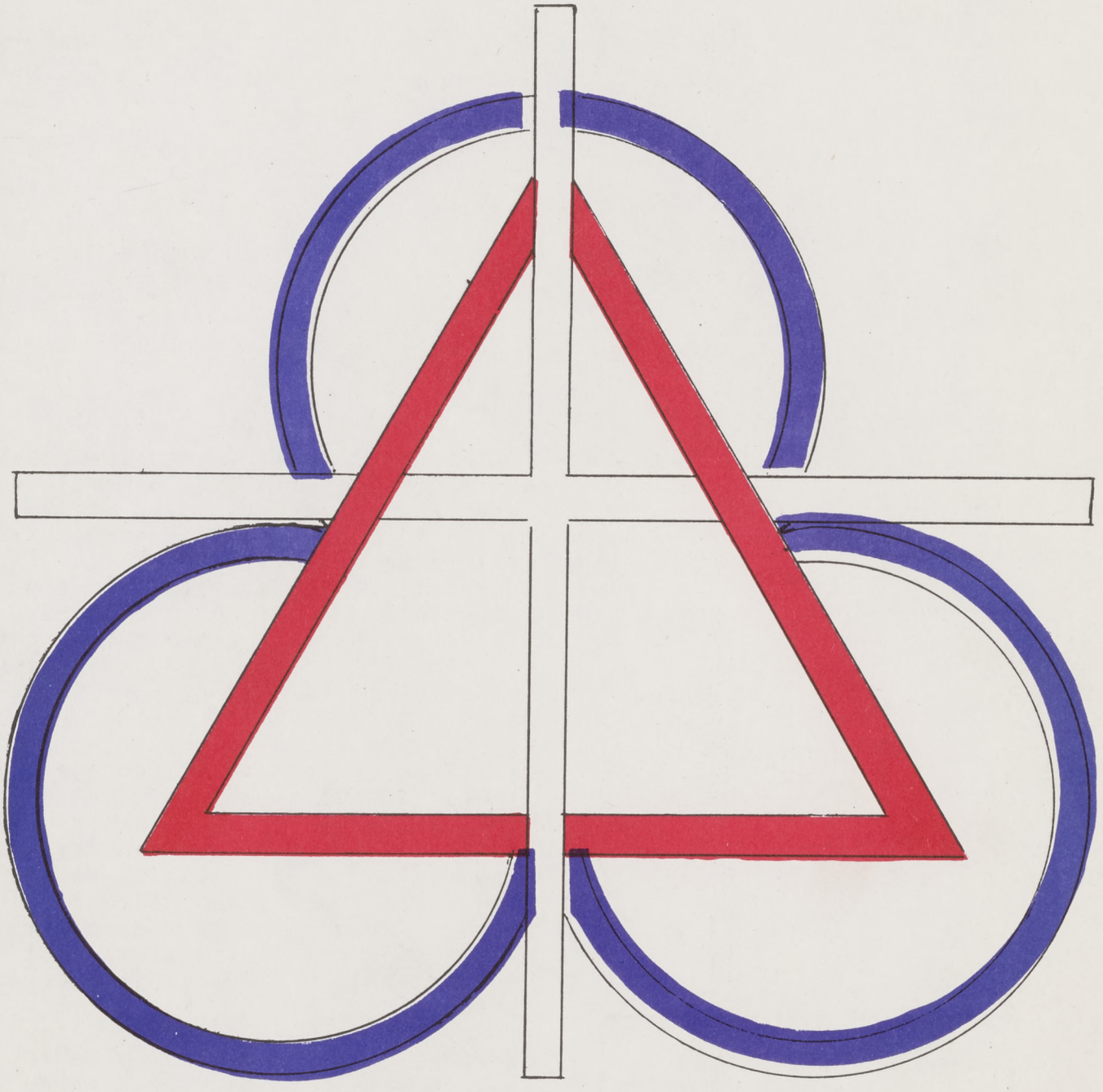

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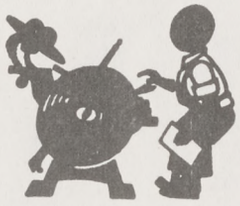


24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a week our Crisis Line is ready to serve you. Maybe you'll never need it. Maybe you will!

I Know He Loves Me

READ PSALMS 8

Bible Thought: ***"O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"*** **(Psalms 8:9).**

A NOTED philosopher was once asked, "What is the greatest thought you have ever had?" He quickly responded, "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so."

In a day when we are told by many, even religious leaders, that all truth is relative, the Bible stands firm. The book of Psalms speaks of God "considering" man or "setting his heart" on him. This basic concept or truth: "God loves man," is what all men are searching to know and to *feel.* Samuel J. Schultz in *The Old Testament Speaks* writes that the popularity of the book of Psalms is due to its speaking to the *emotions* and personal feelings of man. The message of Psalm 8 will help the modern man, who is constantly confronted with change, to take hold of two great truths. The first is the excellency of God's name, meaning his personality. The second is the importance of man in God's plan. The fact that God is aware of "our situation" and has elevated man above all other earthly creatures, gives us not only a *knowledge* of God's love but a warm *feeling* in our hearts.

Hymn: "I Am So Glad That the Father in Heaven."

"O Love that will not let us go, we rest our weary souls in thee. We give thee back the life we owe." Use us to thy glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

—HILLERY MONTSINGER

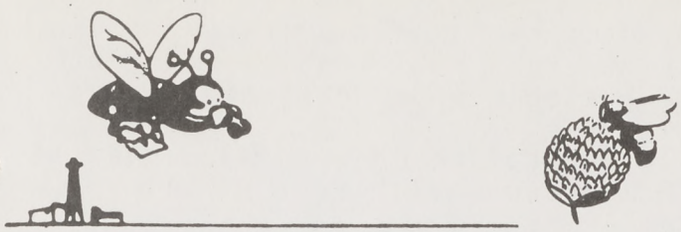
WEDNESDAY IS THE DEADLINE!

This past week, due to the many extra printings for the General Conference and the coinciding of the monthly "In Unity", we went to press early with a shortened edition. If your article was submitted on time but didn't make it, or shortened, we are sorry and will attempt to include it next week. Most of you have been wonderful in submitting your articles. A few of you haven't.

If every group, club, organization, or office could appoint someone who is willing and capable of the responsibility, your items of interest will be here in Publications on time. Your cooperation is appreciated. We will soon begin a Who's Who column to introduce individuals to the readers. A photo along with the article of your favorite MCC member will be accepted.

We are STILL falling short on proof readers. We are striving for an errorless edition, but we need more eagle eyes to spot those little typos and mistakes. VOLUNTEER!!

Asst. Editor
Marty Seneca



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

by Al Correa

Rev. Perry began his sermon today reading from the Book of Exodus Chapter 33. "...The Lord would speak with Moses fact to face as one man speaks to another."

Speaking then of General Conference, Rev. Perry said, "Last week we had the pleasure of worshiping together at General Conference." He then read us a letter of thanks from Mark Drew, delegate from San Diego. Continuing, Rev. Perry spoke of the pleasant evenings he and Lee J. Carlton of Tampa enjoyed, of how they had so much in common that he had hated to see Lee go back to Tampa. "Another friend and brother we came to love was Rev. David Solomon of New Orleans; when we met him we fell in love with him."

Rev. Perry then defined the difference between Brothers and Friends, saying "You're born with Brothers---Friends you can pick." He then went on to describe how Moses and the Lord had an easy friendship, speaking casually, "face to face as one man speaks to another." He reminded us that if a man is to have friends he first must be friendly, summing up by asking "Have you spoken recently to God as a friend?" Rev. Perry's closing prayer said: "Heavenly Father, we come to You with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts. We ask that You anoint and bless everyone here today. We know You're our friend and not just some mythological spirit up in the sky..."

There was a lot more to today's service. Deputy Deacon Shawn Farrell started services beautifully by reading the chapter on religion from "The Prophet", a book which some of my old friends used to call "the Gay Bible". The Chancel Choir was all-male (16), led by Walter Craig.

Today we had a chance to hear Rev. Van Hecke deliver the Silent & Pastoral Prayer. Rev. Van Hecke said: "One of the beautiful things about our people is their concern for others." After mentioning persons we should particularly remember, he said in part: "Our Father, we bow our heads in thanksgiving. Thou hast seen our hands go up...We ask that You shall touch our hearts and let us know truly the goodness of the Lord. We pray that what we do and what we pray will be for the glory of God and the Holy Spirit. We thank Thee this morning for Thy fellowship. May we feel Thy anointing and Thy presence. Help those who are ill..."

Our Pastor then addressed us, asking us to remember Rev. Richard Ploen who is ill with the flu. He then introduced various vsitors from distant places, among them Mr. & Mrs. Duarte; Jim Porter from El Paso; Kathie and Shawn's guest, Mike; Angel, an artist from Puerto Rico; and Brad Altman, a 17-year-old student.

An interesting talk was delivered by Herb Mink of San Francisco, who went on an extensive trip last January and combined pleasure with some Missionary work for Metropolitan Community Church. He spoke to many interested people in Australia, England and Spain. The Orient, Herb explained, is not proper ground for MCC. The basic religions are Buddhist or Moslem, and the attitude towards homosexuality is entirely different. In England he wrote many letters but did not sound optimistic about the results. In Spain Herb discovered that it is extremely difficult to establish any Protestant denomination in a predominantly Catholic nation controlled by a dictatorship.

Summing up, Herb said "Coming to Conference has built me up, but I am looking forward to returning to San Francisco." He offered to make any necessary contacts once again next year on behalf of the church.

Keep well, dear friends, and may the Lord bless and keep you until I see you again next Sunday!

FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE --
by Herb Pomeroy

Dear Friends:

Every third Sunday of the month, I will try to give you a critique as to what happened at the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, which is held on the second Sunday of each month.

Following are the decisions that were made at the Board of Directors Meeting held on Sunday, September 12, 1971.

1. October 31, 1971, was officially set as the date of the Annual Business Meeting of the Mother Church for this year. The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on that date after the morning worship services.
2. The Nominating Committee is to meet on Sunday, September 26,1971
3. The Board accepted the proposal of Mr. Dick Martin to hold an MCC-TV Committee Benefit at no cost to the Church.
4. The Board has recommended to the Fellowship that Bill White, custodian, be paid $20.00 for his work during the General Conference.
5. The Board recommended that Herb Pomeroy be placed on full salary of $500.00 per month as Secretary. $300.00 is to be paid by the Local Church and the Board requested the Fellowship to pay the other $200.00 per month.
6. A committee formed of Lee Sharp, Pat Vestal and Don Hughes, to meet with Rod Fuller to consider recommendations concerning the starting of a Health Recreation Center in connection with MCC. This committee is to report back next month.
7. The Board authorized MCC-Committee on Religion and Law to contribute $50.00 to Rev. Dick Nash Defense Fund.
8. The seats held by Leo Hunt and Glenn Schmoll on the Board of Deacons were designated as vacant.
9. The Coffee Hour on Wednesday Evenings will be the full responsibility of the Board of Deacons.
10. The resignation of Rev. Kenneth Jones as an Associate Minister on the Staff of the Mother Church was accepted and Rev. Lee Spangenberg was appointed as Minister of Visitation.

The balance of the past week was taken up by several marriage counselings and several personal counselings and other meetings. We are also getting letters off to the other local congregations and their people who participated in the General Conference.

Well, I guess that is all of the news for this week, will be talking at you again next Sunday.

Love to All.

"If every Christian in your church was the kind of Christian that you are, what kind of a church would your church be?"

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY
Hartford, Connecticut
Office of Consumer Information
17 August 1971

Dear Mr. Coons:

Thank you for your most thoughtful letter of July 16th.

Every applicant for life and health insurance is evaluated on both a medical and nonmedical basis. From a medical standpoint, such factors as blood pressure, height and weight, medical history and other physical findings are all considered in determining an insurability. From a nonmedical standpoint, such factors as occupation, avocation, finances, character, driving record, habits and morals are considered.

Risk selection seeks to obtain a body of insured persons whose individual prospects of suffering the loss insured against does not differ widely from the "norm". We do not rate or reject applicants for their morals, habits or sexual leanings but only to the extent such factors affect the longevity or health of an individual.

Until recent years homosexuals were subject to arrest and harassment. They were forced to associate in illegal and anti-social manners and were exposed to death and disability by violent and accidental means in excess of that considered as "norm".

We have recognized the change in social climate. The increasing acceptability of the homosexual has greatly reduced the previous hazards. Those who live otherwise normal lives and function adequately both socially and economically are now considered by many no differently than heterosexuals. Homosexuals who associate in normal homosexual relationships are considered as acceptable risks for life and health insurance. Any deviation from the "norm" as with heterosexuals may be cause for extra premium or declination. It boils down to a matter of proper pricing for the risk. However, with respect to automobile insurance, particularly liability, it is our position that homosexuals present a higher than normal hazard due to the social barriers which still prevail to a degree with respect to their heterosexual counterparts. Situations involving accident or loss related contingencies tend to create less than completely factual objectivity of witnesses, guests, and other judgments connected with or resulting from loss or accident.

While they are not directly equitable, this adverse feeling pervaded our social system many years ago with respect to divorced people, and even in connection with matters involving race, and religion. Perhaps in years to come, the stigma which currently attaches to the homosexual may further dissipate, and all elements of society will accept them without reservation.

Very truly yours,
Gene Billings
Director OCI

"Gosh, Roger, I'm sure glad we met."

IN MEMORIAM

As I remember Joseph Meilstedt, he was a very good friend of mine and also was everyone's friend. For the last two years, Joe's main interest was to his Church, MCC. He spread the "good word" on his many sojourns from Minnesota to Mexico. His personality and his good humor were contagious to all who came in contact with him, and made lasting friends everywhere he went. Everyone loved him. He inturn returned his love.

Joe corresponded with the church regularly and always was interested in the happenings of MCC. He gave generously in many ways and would have done more if his health permitted.He will be missed at MCC but we never will be entirely without him, for his beautiful spirit is incorporated in every one of his friends he left behind.

At the MCC memorial servi œ held for Joe, his friends gave $63 in lieu of flowers, and according to Rev. Perry this amount would be spent for new hymn books. More friends have been contacted so we expect more money. After the memorial service, cake and coffee were served in the Sommers Room where we visited with his family. He has left behind him a fine heritage in his family.

Several days later, we received a beautiful thank you letter from his family in which was enclosed a check for $60. We have been advised by Rev. Perry that this money will be spent for a Chalice and will be engraved in memory of Joe Meilstedt.

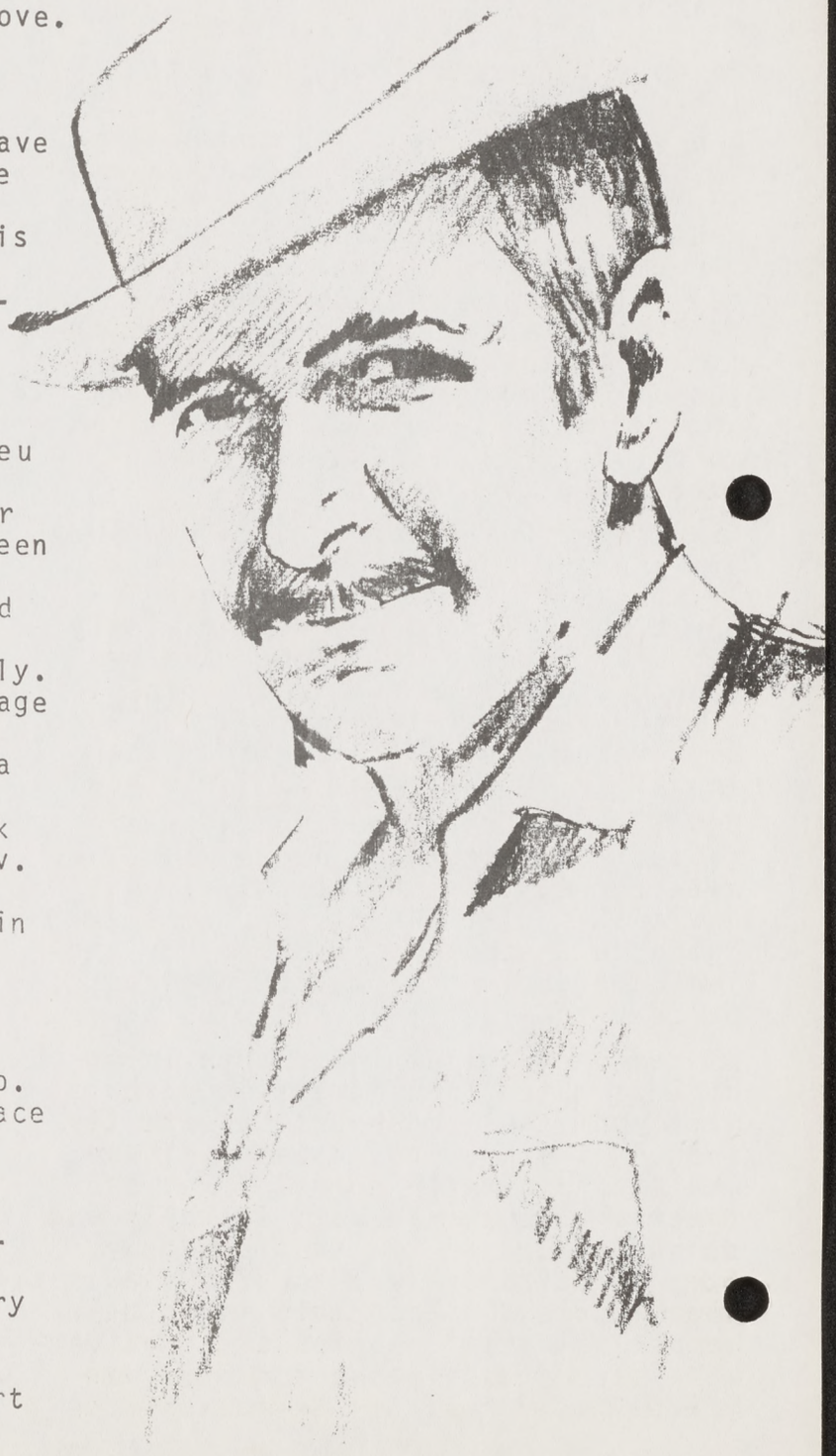
As I remember the family and friends at the memorial service, I knew that beneath their sorrow they were proud of Joe, and rightfully so.

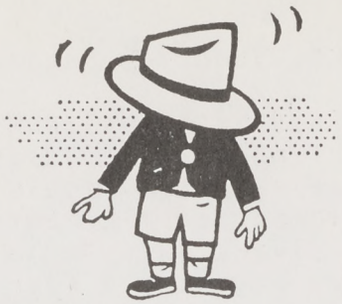
No man is eternal. We must all face the last barrier, and as I picture Joe, he had accomplished a big job, honestly and well. At a time like this, mere words are empty and shallow, but ours is a suffering which is universal...which belongs to every human being in every corner of the world. A deep anguish which, sooner or later, cuts into every human heart ...strong and weak.

Death is the inevitable goal, and there may be some small degree of consolation in the thought that death is but a narrow starlit strip between the companionship of yesterday and the happy reunion of tomorrow.

May this thought help us to carry on where Joe Meilstedt left off.

His Friend,
Lloyd King





SEZ THE MAD HATTER:

Well, I guess I'd best get this column down!?....What to do with your guests to make them feel like a part of your party? I know, put them to work!...You say no, well, just read on. When you plan a party for, let's say 7 PM, you are usually working right up to the last minute. Always, someone comes early (don't be thinking the wrong things now). Why? Usually because he or she wants to help, but does not know how to ask. Well, just go ahead and put them to work, even if it's a simple thing like opening up the chips and dips, or rearranging a couple of chairs.

One secret to the success of any party is "Make Your Guests Feel at Home". In fact, it is the Golden Rule of party giving. Show that your home is a place to be lived in, not just looked at. And don't be afraid to ask for help. It won't keep your guests from enjoying themselves or from coming back to your next one. What it will do is to prove to them that you care.

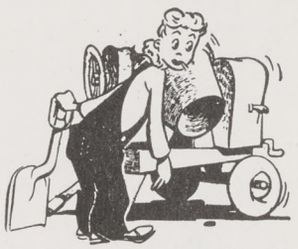
Now, another thing that you can do to put your guests to sleep...Freudian slip...to work I mean, is to have them bring something (we'll go into this at a greater depth later) with them...no, no, I don't mean last nite's trick!! Shame....

While your party is going on, if someone wants to make more punch or coffee or whatever, well, let 'em.

Then, when your party is over, you will usually find that a few people will linger longer...how about that for a phrase? Maybe they want to help you straighten up...what kind of parties have you been having anyway? Some will offer verbally--so take them up on it--let them know that you appreciate it...and here's a little tip for all you guests...a host appreciates a thank you note...just a gentle reminder there, folks ! If some of the ideas that I've set forth so far are followed, I assure you that your parties will be better than ever ...sounds like a movie slogan doesn't it?

I guess that's it for this week. So until next week, when this column (now, now) will bring you.... "The Games People Play".

I'll be guesting you,
Dick, the Mad Hatter



WOMEN"S ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Just to remind you, from our vacation places in the Sequoias and the Sierras...

A policy meeting for all women comes around Tuesday, September 21. (We are interrupting our vacation to be there.) Please join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Sommers room.

This is your best opportunity to be heard regarding your role and that of women as a whole in the future work and outreach of MCC.

See you there.

Evelyn

A VISIT IN SCORCHLAND

The heat in Fresno (99 degrees at 7:00 p.m.) did in no way diminish the pleasure of fellowhip with our brethren at the MCC Mission. There were 14 women, 12 men and 2 children attending.

Ray Cook, conducting the first "formal" type service there, spoke from a text in Song of Solomon 7.

The lovely altar coverings were made and donated to the Fresno congregation.

This is an earnest, purposeful group; we can expect a good work for the Lord from them.

Our thanks for the hospitality extended to us.

Selma and Evelyn

MARY WAS HER NAME

She had been sitting on the bar stool for two hours. She was working on her seventh drink and so far this cruising trip was a real bummer.

"I'm sitting here taking stock," she said to the bartender, "fix me another while I'm thinking." The drink appeared in due time.

"This one's on the house, sport."

"Thanks", Mary said. With her drink in hand Mary moved to the blaring juke box, thinking.

My Name? Mary. (That's a laugh!) Age? A weatherbeaten 26. I tell everyone 22. (That's another laugh!) Employment? I've held 9 jobs in the last two years. Sure, I can take care of myself. Everything from dishwasher to kept woman. File clerk, laundress, you name it.

Relatives? They tossed me out when I was seventeen. Mom said our family never had trouble like this before. Forget them!

Education? I threw in the towel somewhere in high school. Can't even remember what year.

Lovers? Yes. Lots of them. Every night lovers. But lovers?...No! Not even one real lover...that hurt.

Mary called, "Better have another, bartender."

"Sorry, sport," the bartender replied, "we just closed it up. It's that time."

Out on the sidewalk, Mary wondered what she would do.

She didn't want to go home alone. Obviously, she wasn't going to make out tonight and why drag home another faceless stranger again?

For hours, she drove the streets of LA. "What a hell of a life I'm leading ....one hell of a life. There's got to be something more to gay life than what I've seen.

On an impulse, Mary stopped at a pay phone. She dialed information. "Operator, can you get me that Hot line number for the Metropolitan Community Church? No, I don't know where it's at."

Within moments, a friendly voice said, "MCC, good morning, may I help you?"

Mary felt better already!

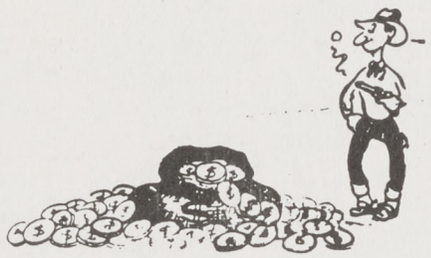
The friendly voice was one of 25 Crisis Intervention people who are on the phones for 168 hours a week. It's not always easy to help people like Mary. It takes a special kind of person.

One day last week, 12 persons walked into Personal Services needing all kinds of help. Help with housing, finding jobs, and help with serious personal problems.

We need more of those special kinds of persons to help monitor the phones. Especially during the days.

Are you one of those special people? Meet with us any Thursday evening at 8 PM in the Seminary Room.

Roland Bibolet
C.I.C.



TREASURER'S REPORT

As we enter the close of our fiscal period we must try to give that little extra to clean the books of our debts.

Our tithes were down to a low, low, low of 33% of what our pledges are. A total of $334.00, and that's bad. Our loose offering was $384.99, Misc., which includes that received by mail, $586.68, for a total of $1,305.67. That might seem like a lot, but when you are charged with paying the bills it just doesn't look like much.

Let's all try harder and dig deeper and glory in the fact that we are all doing the Lord's work. It's a very big job and we should feel proud that we have the opportunity to serve.

God bless all,
Pat Vestal

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Thursday, our discussion session was on the subject, "The legal aspects of artificial insemination." We discovered that there is no law against it.

California Civil Code says "A child born to a woman as a result of conception through artificial insemination to which her husband has consented in writing, is legitimate if the birth occurs during the marriage or within 300 days after the marriage has been dissolved."

In determining a husband's obligation to support a child conceived, with his written consent, through artificial insemination, the court in People vs. Sorensen (Calif.'68), remarked that a child conceived through use of the semen of a 3rd party donor was not the product of an adulterous relationship. It was stated by the court that the public policy of California favors legitimization and no public purpose would be served by stigmatizing such a child as illegitimate.

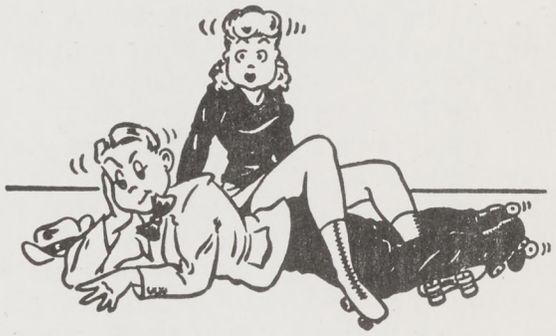
The court reasoned that a child produced through artificial insemination does not have a "natural father" as that term is generally understood. The court added that one who consents in writing to the production of a child through artificial insemination cannot create a temporary relation to be assumed at will, but the arrangement must be of such character as to impose on him an obligation of supporting those for whose existence he is directly responsible.

The girls desiring to start a family agreed on two points. (1) The couple should properly wait until after they were married before one of them becomes pregnant. (2) Each parent should sign a legal consent to artificial insemination, agreeing to share the responsibility for the child produced.

The discussion concluded with suggestions as to how to answer honestly questions asked by the children as they grew up. One answer mentioned by a prospective mother is "ask your father when she comes home."

This answer was not considered seriously, but more practical suggestions were met with approval.

There are nine children in the Fresno Mission congregation now. Wait 'til next year...



Attention. ATTENTION! AT-TEN-SHUN!!

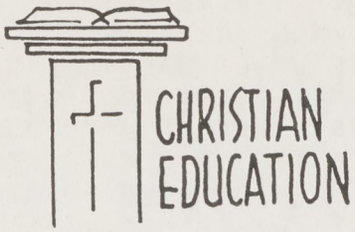
Get those rollers out, Mary! No, not hair---SKATES!!! That's right, it's time to let your hair down and let yourself go to the 2nd Annual Anniversary Costume Skating Party sponsored by the MCC-LA Chancel Choir. It's going to be held at the Hollywood Roller Bowl at 5612 W. Sunset Blvd. on Monday Oct. 25th from 7:30 at 10:30 PM.

Prizes will be awarded to the most outstanding costumes and the highlight of the evening will be the Grand Parade of Entrants. Here's a chance for you to meet the Choir! Of course, if you're interested in the music ministry of MCC, specifically the Choral aspect, you're invited to attend any one of the Thursday evening rehearsals held here at the church.

I'll bet there are a lot of you singers out there, who "used to sing in a choir a long time ago" and would like to again, but you're afraid that you're a little rusty. OK, granted. So once you've come down to rehearsal you can sit in and get the feel of it again, or you can sing along and perhaps you'll find that you're not really "OUT OF ORDER" just out of shape!!

Come on down and join us, won't you?

Yours in Christ,
Jerry Bumgarner
Chancel Choir



Christ was a teacher and a healer. He came to us to teach the word of God, which mainly boils down to two things which we should do: Love God and love one another. Christ came to us to heal both mind and body. Christ could heal mind and body because he truly loved us.

How God-like are you? What have you done in this last week that exemplifies love of God and man? How Christ-like are you? What have you done during this last week to help heal a mind or a body? I challenge each and every one of us from Rev. Perry, the Board of Directors and Deacons, members and friends of MCC to the visitors. What have we done to be God-like and Christ-like?Christ was the physical embodiment of God, so to be God-like is also to be Christ-like. How have you loved and how have you helped to heal?

We have spent much money to buy a Church. We have spent nearly an equal amount to redecorate. We have created a Music Department, a Publications Department, a Social Committee and a Seminary. We have a choir that sings the praises of God, a newsletter that prints the word of God, a school that teaches the word of God, and a Social Department that has dinners and dances. We spend money on all these things, some of which bring back money. But do all these things truly show love and healing? Perhaps they do, each in their own way, but they are secondary to the true purpose of being a Christian which is what we are called when we are truly God-like and Christ-like.

Christ was sent to us to establish the Church of God. He was sent to us to create an organization of love and healing. Over the last 2,000 years God's Church has taken many forms and created many ways to worship. The ways of showing love of God and Christ have become varied. Some people need to show emotionalism, roll in the aisles and scream and shout to show that they love God. Some people need dogma, ritual and incantations to show their love of God. But no matter how you feel you need to show your love, as long as you truly have love, then you are a Christian.

So I repeat, how have you loved and how have you helped to heal? We have in our Church one department that has not been mentioned and that is Personal Services. Here is where love and healing are truly carried on. There are many people who come to MCC who are destitute, starving, in need of a place to stay and who are confused. We have people coming to us who are unable to cope with the problems of life and need love and healing. Thanks to many unpaid volunteers, we have people who can help these people that come to us. We have people who stay all night long to listen for the ring of the crisis phone to help individuals who need love and healing through out the lonely night. We have people to give food, find housing and jobs for those without these necessary items that help each of us live with dignity. We have people who give counsel to those who are beset with problems. These are truly the ways of giving love and healing.

But our department needs help.Will you help us? You can show your true Christian love by helping us. We do not have adequate facilities for counseling. The Personal Services Department needs remodeling. In short, we need money. We need money to build walls for counseling rooms, and to put electricity and heat in them.

We have started a fund for the remodeling of Personal Services. Dr. Evelyn Hooker has contributed her honorarium for speaking to us during Gen. Conf. Can you help us? Are you truly Christ-like? Are you a Christian? Will you help us allow MCC to really give love to our brothers and sisters and to help heal their minds, bodies and spirits?

Howard Coburn

YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

This October will be a busy month for our Church. The highlight for the month will be the Dinner-Dance celebrating our MCC's 3rd Anniversary. In 18 days MCC will be 3 years old! We will be gaily celebrating that Saturday night on Oct 9th!

We will have a dance-combo to set the mood for any and all types of dancing. The Voices of Jerusalem will sing for us and those of you who have heard them sing at MCC know how great they are. Don't miss this added attraction!

Rev. Perry is trying to get a city Councilman to speak to us that night. He will also give the Annual Awards to those in the congregation who have worked to make MCC the wonderful Church that it is.

You are going to find that this evening will be unlike any this Church has ever had. Even better than the May Festival! For the many organizations in our Church, you may reserve a table or two.

The function will be held at the Nob Hill Restaurant, 8229 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys on Saturday October 9th, 1971 at 8 PM. It is on the corner of Van Nuys and Victory Blvd.

All drinks that night will be 95¢. Tickets will be only sold until Oct. 3rd, the previous Sunday. Last minute gate crashers will be too late, so you'd better plan ahead for this big MCC Anniversary.

Our menu is: Beef Tenderloin, glazed carrots, string beans, potatoes, chocolate Mousse, coffee and milk. So buy early and join us for a wonderful evening of fun. Tickets will be available at the Church Office.

LOS ANGELES COUPLES CLUB PARTY

by Al Correa

The Los Angeles Couples Club met Friday, Sept. 10th at Art & Wally's hillside home for an informal dinner. Some 36 members showed up and thank heavens Mike Babb was one of them! Between the two of us we cooked hamburgers for everyone. Our thoughtful hosts, Art Lavelle & Wally Sinclair had prepared their charming patio for the group with many tables, sufficient chairs, condiments, cold soft drinks, coffee and various other snacks. Everyone had a chance to chat, renew acquaintances, meet new couples and exchange addresses with folks they particularly wanted to visit with before the next meeting.

After dinner Jack Joyce played the organ while the couples grouped around and sang...I know, it sounds sort of cornball, but it was impromptu and fun...and would I lie to you?

Our 12th meeting will be Oct. 8 (Second Friday of each month). Our Planning Committee hasn't met yet, but I'll let you know where we plan to meet, maybe next week. If any singles are reading this,.I hope you took particular note of Rev. Rodger Harrison's message in MCC NEWS, Issue #48: "There are many lonely people still waiting for 'the right one'. Let's face it, there are just not enough 'right ones' to go around." There are so many people at church with an inner beauty that exceeds mere outer beauty. You can find them all if you start by approaching each member with an interest in their personalities and the depth of their character. But if you merely want a beautiful face you may be disappointed. Dramatically beautiful people sometimes have greater psychological problems than persons with ordinary features. And sometimes an unattractive person will be more interesting because they will have gone to some pains to develop things that will make them more attractive. An ordinary person might also have become more sensitive to others feelings.

How about that?! I started out reporting on a Couples Club party and wound up sermonizing! What I'm getting at is that it's fun to be settled with another human being you can give your love to. Sharing experiences makes every day precious. I want you all to experience this quiet joy. Don't let superficial standards rob you of happiness.

NO LOSERS AT MCC

Members of the Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Phoenix, Costa Mesa and Los Angeles choirs breathed a little easier when the winner of the 1st Annual Choir Competition of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (whew!) was announced.

Unlike the Mudville 9, no "team" went down in defeat because Rev. Perry announced that all the choirs were victorious! The directors of each of the choirs were called to the pulpit and presented with plaques inscribed with *"For Outstanding Choral Achievement at 2nd General Conference of U.F. of M.C.C."*

Even though all the choirs had worked hard on their presentations, I'm sure each member felt good knowing no one would leave the Conference unhappily because to our joy there were "no losers at MCC" that night.

After meeting many members of the various choirs, I really didn't want to see any of my new friends lose. In fact, the general feeling among the choirs was that the Christian fellowship enjoyed by all outweighed any award we might have won.

The highlight of the evening was hearing that "Musical Mighty Mouse" from Harmony MCC, Sacramento. Harmony's entrant in the competition consisted of four, count 'em, four members! But what a beautiful, spirit-filled sound came from their hearts. It was really a blessing to see the joy and love in their faces as the two men and one gal (note: that means the Harmony MCC Choir has a 1/3rd female population!) sang while their director accompanied them on the accordion.

Another special treat came from MCC-LA's own Silent Choir as Phil, of the Crescendos, sang the "Lord's Prayer" while the choir "signed" it for the congregation which had gathered to "hear" the various choirs.

The closing of the service was truly in unity as the choirs combined to sing "God of Our Fathers".

As Rev. Perry said, "There are no ers at MCC", and I agree. If God or you who can be against you?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S MY LINE? I KNOW YOUR LINE. 748-1904 YOUR CRISIS LINE.

DISCRIMINATION IN THE HEART OF HOLLYWOOD

My name is Terry Weekley, and although I am not a member of MCC I am aware of the great work it's doing for our community.

This is why I feel you should know that bisexual and gay people are being discriminated against procuring employment right in the heart of Hollywood.

I'm 19, and worked at Arby's Roast Beef on Highland & Hollywood Blvds., right across from Hollywood High.

From February until April this year, while I was employed at Arby's I knew that at least 6 or 7 other employees were gay or bi.

I quit for a better job but am now looking for work.

Today, Sept. 11, 1971, I called Arby's and found that both the day and night managers had left. The new manager then asked me to be very honest in my answer to his question, which was: "Are you gay, bi, or straight?". I answered, "Bi" and he informed me that Arby's doesn't hire bi's or gays any more.

I have informed the ADVOCATE and am also informing MCC Members and Friends.

Why support an anti-gay establishment by eating there? Don't you feel that our community should do something about such practices?

Thanks for listening.

Terry Weekley

MORE LACE FROM THE LAVENDER LADIES

This past week has been a real blessing in that the bake sale we had on Sunday was a success and the profits will help off set the expenses for the upcoming production, we will be doing for the Publications Dept.

We will be looking forward to seeing you on the 25th of this month in the Horseshoe Theatre at 7:30 when we will once again star our Miss Lisa Marlo or as you know him, Rickie Hopkins, my Lavender Sister and a real great person with a heart of gold. She is real sweet and I call her Honey Bun.

We will also have Wendy Hall who is also one heck of a nice person, and as I introduced her at the last show as The Saucie Siren of Silver Lake. We will also have Desi Bass as our featured star, Mike Babb and his better half Jimmie who is making his debut with the female impersonator set.

Mai Ling, The Queen of the May Festival '71 will also be with us this time as she sings and dances her way into your heart.

We are now calling for stage hands to help present this show. You people interested in lighting, decorations, make-up, costumes, wigs, (a curtain is needed, etc) and what ever, you can be helpful. See Marty Seneca or Dick Durant.

We members of the Lavender Ladies are looking forward to having a real turn out this time as we had for our first show. I know that WITH YOUR HELP and support we can help out our dear friend and sister Connie Vaughn and her staff in Publications.

I would like to take this time to personally thank them on a job well done and all the luck and love in the future.

Yours in Christ,
Lori Oswald
Lavender Ladies

Dear South Central Members:

The South Central Parish met at the home of Rusty Carlson on Sept.9. Since I arrived early, some of us watched part of the Billy Graham telecast. The topic of discussion that night was Crisis Intervention (CIC). Our guests for the evening were David Miles (founder of CIC), Sue Johnson and Sue Howe, both working for CIC at the present time.

The next meeting of the South Central Parish will be at the home of Jay Beltran at 3355 Alma Ave., Apt F, Lynwood, on Sept. 21 at 7:30 PM. His phone number is 638-2121, or call Jim Mason at 684-1792. For this meeting, Bill Thorne will be with us to talk about deacons and their jobs. Also, he will talk about job re-training and housing. Please be on time! Also, bring your friends!

Love and Peace
Jim Mason

AT LAST! WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!!

Now you will have a chance to usher in the fall season and greet the groovy guys you see each Sunday as you enter and leave the Church. It's a party at the Canyon Club, by your own Ushers and Greeters and YOU are all invited. We are rehearsing a show you won't want to miss. We'll be assisted by the fabulous Louis Michelle of San Francisco.

Now don't you confuse this with the M.C.C. Birthday Party. We're having ours Saturday, October 16, at the Canyon Club. Donation is $3.50. See this column next week for more details about the Show (you're gonna have to see it to believe it) and for directions to the Canyon Club.

Ben Taylor

CASH FLOW STATEMENT - AUGUST 1971: MCC LOS ANGELES

Receipts - Item	8/1	8/8	8/15	8/22	8/29	TOTAL
Envelopes	$357.00	$396.25	$376.63	$383.03	$319.75	$1,832.66
Loose Offering	774.97	576.65	730.78	439.67	573.20	3,095.27
Sunday School				12.00		12.00
Deacons	15.50	8.50	12.00	3.50	8.50	48.00
Benevolent						
Seminary						
Publications	86.05	270.79	110.10	68.33	586.94	1,122.21
Music						
Social Committee		52.35				52.35
Miscellaneous	112.13	160.98	336.57	145.00	305.50	1,060.18
Debt Reduction, Renovation, Cooling			2,318.73	260.00	40.00	2,618.73
TOTALS	$1,345.65	$1,455.52	$3,879.81	$1,311.53	1,852.39	$9,844.90

Summary of Cash Statements:	Month	Year-to-date
Envelopes	$1,832.66	$22,285.03
Loose Offering	3,095.27	31,235.12
Sunday School	12.00	75.25
Building Reserve		6,586.33 (Expended)
Deacons	48.00	636.65
Universal Fellowship		271.74
Bible Seminary		68.00
Publications	1,122.21	3,735.26
Personal Services	18.50	48.50
Music Department		301.36
Miscellaneous Receipts (Includes Bldg. Fund)	1,060.18	36,554.57
Debt Reduction, etc.	2,618.73	2,618.73
May Festival (Social Comm.)	52.35	1,547.11
Bad Checks	(15.00)	(96.25)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$9,844.90	$105,982.65

BUDGET & FINANCIAL STATEMENT: MCC LOS ANGELES AUGUST, 1971
(11th Month of Fiscal Year)

DEPARTMENT	MONTH'S BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	STATUS	BUDGET YR TO DATE	EXPENDITURES	STATUS
Salaries, Honorariums	$1,550.00	$1,553.75	$ (3.75)	$ 15,650.00	$15,407.33	$242.67
Bld. Fixed Debt	958.10	958.10	-----	6,941.50	7,007.75	(66.25)
Maintenance Supply	50.00	136.87	(86.87)	550.00	624.20	(74.20)
Utilities	225.00	432.14	(207.14)	2,475.00	3,805.22	(1,330.22)
Insurance	71.00	-----	71.00	781.00	849.00	(68.00)
Music & Communications	60.00	70.31	(10.31)	660.00	978.38	(318.38)
Christian Education	50.00	-----	50.00	550.00	265.20	284.80
*Universal Fellowship (5%)	257.94	257.94	-----	2,959.32	2,959.32	------
Office Supply & Post.	250.00	180.86	69.14	2,750.00	2,569.46	180.54
Church Services	100.00	219.48	(119.48)	1,100.00	1,883.99	(783.99)
Benevolences (5%)	257.94	132.00	125.94	2,897.22	2,123.31	773.91
Travel	100.00	-----	100.00	1,100.00	1,351.42	(251.42)
Publications	100.00	(97.24)	197.24	1,100.00	285.69	814.31
Contingency	100.00	-----	100.00	1,000.00	------	1,000.00
Designations: Deacons	170.50	170.50	------	868.15	868.15	-----
Seminary	----	----	------	60.00	60.00	-----
Advertising	100.00	50.00	50.00	1,100.00	1,109.73	(9.73)
Misc. No Budget: Debt Reduction, Renovation Cooling, etc.	2,618.73	3,023.53	(404.80)	2,820.46	3,225.26	(404.80)
TOTALS	$7,019.21	7,088.24	(69.03)	45,362.65	45,373.41	(10.76)

* This reflects the June payment. Fellowship dues for July and August remain unpaid.

CRISIS?

I had an ocassion on Gen. Conf. weekend to be in need of some advice and information . Neither Char nor I knew where to turn.

While working in the kitchen helping to prepare food for Gen. Conf., my wedding ring kept slipping off my little finger (I have been wearing it there because it was too tight on the other finger) and so I forced it on the finger that it was too tight on and there it stayed.

Sunday night my finger started to get all red and the circulation in my hand was cut off. It got so bad I was unable to sleep, but the ring just would not come off.

Monday morning we tried everything we could think of, but nothing worked. I knew the only way that ring was going to come off was to be cut off. But where? By whom? It was a holiday and everything was closed. Where does one go to get a ring cut off?

I told Char to call the Church Crisis line and ask them what we should do. She laughed and said that this was no crisis and she did not want to call. I finally convinced her that it sure was a crisis to me, and I had to get that ring off, and now!

Well, Char called and told them our problem and we were advised to go to a fire station or police station. So...off we went to the fire station, which is about 2 blocks from our house.

We walked into the fire station and showed the firemen on duty the problem finer. Within a matter of minutes the men with the ring cutter were there and working on the ring. While waiting, we were given coffee and everyone was very concerned for my finger and the pain it was causing me.

Working very carefully, they cut the ring on the top part and it still would not come off. So they had to cut the other side, and my ring is now in 2 pieces, but I was so glad to finally have it off.

I was so thankful that we had called and gotten the information, as we never would have thought of going to the fire department, for something like that. But sure enough, that was just the place to go.

I am so thankful that there was a place for me to call to get the correct information and advice.

Crisis? To me, it was, and I am very happy to say that MCC - CIC was a great help to me.

Jan

ARE YOU GOING TO FEED A LARGE CROWD?

Do you know that the Social Committee now has a Purchasing Department set up to handle large private functions? I'd heard about it, but got a chance to give readers some firsthand info last week when I tried them out for a Couples Club party. If you want to have a large dinner you might be interested in knowing how it works.

First of all, talk to Jay Heckman. He can usually be reached through the Crisis Intervention Committee. At least you can leave a message there for him. For our party Jay delivered 50 hamburger patties, a tub full of macaroni salad, 5 pounds of cookies and a large tray (on loan). It cost $20 and was worth every penny. Don't think we could have bought that much macaroni salad for anywhere near $5. Besides that, Jay had several original suggestions that will help us on future events.

Jay was just great about everything, even delivering some of the food to the host's house. If you plan a Parish Party, special club meeting, or perhaps a wedding, give Jay a call. I understand the entire party can be catered if you wish.

Al Correa

The Bible is a book of faith, and a book of doctrine and a book of morals, and a book of religion, of special revelation from God. But it is also a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity and his equality with his fellow-man.
—DANIEL WEBSTER

Our Church Calendar

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH	7:00 PM	SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS Seminary Room
	7:30 PM	SILENT CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir Room
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST	7:00 PM	SEMINARY REGISTRATION
	7:30 PM	SEMINARY CLASSES BEGIN Seminary Room
	7:30 PM	WOMEN'S ACTION COMMITTEE Sommers Room
	8:00 PM	LAVENDER LADIES REHEARSAL 5121 Hollywood Blvd.
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND	7:30 PM	YOUTH GROUP RAP SESSION
	7:30 PM	SEMINARY CLASSES
	8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	LONG BEACH PARISH BUS. MTG. Tino's - 356 7th St., L.B.
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD	6:00 PM	LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir Room
	7:00 PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:30 PM	C.I.C. MEETING Seminary Room
	7:30 PM	MCC MOTORCYCLE CLUB Sommers Room
	8:30 PM	ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING Social Hall
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH	7:00 PM	HULA DANCE CLASS Social Hall - Call 663-5809 or 627-5193 (after 7PM weekdays)
	7:30 PM	SEMINARY CLASSES Seminary Room
	7:30 PM	DISCUSSION GROUP
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH	10:00 AM	LAVENDER LADIES REHEARSAL
	7:30 PM	LAVENDER LADIES SEPT. GALA Variety Show - Horsehoe Theater
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH	8:30 AM	LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
	9:30 AM	ACADEMY

"A Prayer"

by David Watson

God, who lives all over the world
make us see how good You are
when You know we love Thee.

Help the guys in the bars, wherever
they may be, help them to come to
M.C.C. with You and I and me.

Help us to kneel and love and not
hate, because only through love
our souls You will eternally create!

Life

Life is a book in volumes three —
The past, the present, and the yet-to-be.
The first we've finished and laid away;
The second we're reading day by day.
The third and last of these volumes three
Is locked from sight—God keepeth the key.
—ANON.

"And quit calling me 'Queenie'!!"

9:30 AM COFFEE SOCIAL HOUR

10:00 AM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:30 AM SINGSPIRATION

10:45 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
Seminary Class Room

11:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

7:00 PM CHRIST CHAPEL MCC COSTA MESA

7:30 PM MCC LA EVENING SERVICE
Rev. Marty McCabe Preaching

FLASH! NEWS!

The last Sunday of September at the 7:30 Evening Service, MCC will be priviledged to hear Rev. Marty McCabe from the Christ Chapel MCC, Costa Mesa. His topic will be "The Rose of Sharon" with vivid illustrations and an inspirational message.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

I will be having my first Wednesday night prayer service Sept. 22, 1971. You are all invited to attend this service and pray along with our brothers and sisters who attend these services regularly. Let us remember GOD in our daily lives and not just only in time of need. He loves us and our remembrance in prayers are His way of showing love, help and unity. Bless each and every one of you.

Yours in Christ,
Fred H. Sferrazzo
Deputy Deacon